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1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING
THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 22-28, 1977.

2. ON APRIL 22, MILITARY AND POLICE SECURITY FORCES ARRANGED
A MEETING BETWEEN A CAPTURED TERRORIST AND TWO OF HIS
COMRADES. WHEN THE TERRORISTS ARRIVED, SECURITY FORCES
ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND THEM. IN THE CONFRONTATION, ONE OF
THE TERRORISTS WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER ESCAPED.

AT 1450 HR POLICE OF THE 45TH PRECINCT WERE ENGAGED
IN A SHOOTOUT WITH TERRORIST ELEMENTS. NO ADDI-
TIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

APR. 23: THE HERALD REPORTED THAT FOUR MONTONEROS WERE KILLED
IN A GUN BATTLE WITH SECURITY FORCES AT SARANDI,
12 KMS. SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES. THE TERRORISTS,
OPERATING IN TWO VEHICLES, ARRIVED AT A SECURITY
CHECKPOINT AND OPENED FIRE ON THE SECURITY FORCES
WITH MACHINEGUNS. SECURITY FORCES FOUND ARMAMENTS,
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HAND GRENADES AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE MONTONEROS IN THE VEHICLES USED BY THE TERRORISTS.

APR. 24: AT 0810 HRS THREE PERSONS, HEAVILY ARMED AND DRIVING A PICKUP TRUCK, SHOT AND WOUNDED A POLICE OFFICER. DURING THE CONFRONTATION ONE OF THE EXTREMISTS WAS WOUNDED.

APR. 26: AT 0430 HRS A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT SARMIENTO AND F. ALCORTA NEAR A LOCAL MONUMENT.

AT 0650 HRS, AT PIO GONZALEZ AND YRIGOYEN, TWO ARMED MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS TERRORISTS STOLE A VEHICLE.

AT 0655 HRS, AT PARADERO CHACARITA, TWO MEN WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND A WOMAN WITH A SAWED OFF SHOTGUN ROBBED A POLICE OFFICER OF HIS I.D. CARD AND WEAPONS.

AT 0700 HRS, TWO YOUNG MEN IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS BELONGING TO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION STOLE A VEHICLE.

AT 1000 HRS POLICE REPORTED THAT THREE HEAVILY ARMED YOUNG MEN STOLE A TORINO WHICH BELONGED TO AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

AT 1135 HRS POLICE REPORTED THAT FIVE MEN ARMED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS KILLED A HIGHWAY PATROL POLICE-MAN AT QUILMES, SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES, AND ESCAPED.

AT 1340 HRS A BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO BILLINGHURST AND V. GOMEZ TO CHECK A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE LEFT IN A VEHICLE.

OP APRIL 27 THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT ON APR. 26 A NUMBER OF MONTONEROS WERE INVOLVED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH LOCAL SECURITY SERVICES IN THE FLORES SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES. TWO BYSTANDERS WERE INJURED AND LATER DIED AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING THIS CONFRONTATION.

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APR. 27: AT 2245 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED NEXT TO A TRANSFORMER OF ONE OF THE LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES, CAUSING A TEMPORARY BLACKOUT.

AT 2315 HRS THE BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO THE SHERATON HOTEL WHERE THEY LOCATED AN EXPLOSIVE

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DEVICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE SERVICE STARIWELL.
THE BOMB WAS REMOVED; NO INJURIES REPORTED.

APR. 28: AT 1325 HRS AT AVELLANEDA, A TERRORIST KILLED
TWO POLICE OFFICERS OF THE RAILROAD POLICE. ONE
OF THE TERRORISTS WAS WOUNDED IN THE ENCOUNTER
BUT BOTH TERRORISTS ESCAPED.

AT 1810 HRS IN FLORIDA DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES,
THREE MEN DRIVING A TORINO VEHICLE WERE CIRCULATING
PAMPHLETS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

AT 2055 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED AT ARRIBENOS 1307.
SEVERAL VEHICLES PARKED NEARBY WERE DAMAGED.

3. RSO COMMENT: INSPITE OF TERRORIST LOSSES IN PERSONNEL,
LOGISTICS, MONEY AND LEADERSHIP, THEY STILL MAINTAIN A
CAPABILITY FOR ISOLATED ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE SECURITY
FORCES AND OTHER SELECTED TARGETS.
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